

# TICKETS FOR BRISCOE AWARDS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

PHILADELPHIA – Tomorrow afternoon, Sunday, April 14, 2019, the 12th Annual Briscoe Awards will be presented at Xfinity Live! in South Philly. The event begins at 1:00 PM. The Briscoe Awards recognizes the biggest achievements for the Philly boxing scene. Tickets for the event cost \$10 and will be available at the door of Sunday.

This year's winners include IBF world champion Tevin Farmer, former champ Danny Garcia, Hall of Fame promoter J Russell Peltz, former ring legend Stanley "Kitten" Hayward, and several others. Award categories include the Fighter of the Year, Fight of the Year, Prospect of the Year, Amateur of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Knockout of the Year, Upset of the Year, and more.

The Briscoe Awards brings together the Philly boxing community and is usually attended by the winners, current boxers, former champions and stars, other boxing people, and local boxing fans.

Among those expected to be in attendance this year are former champions Tim Witherspoon, Nate Miller, Buster Drayton, Charles Brewer, and Robert Hines, plus Kitten Hayward, J Russell Peltz, Sweet Pea Adams, Curtis Parker, Ivan Robinson, Bert Cooper, Nigel Collins, Danny Garcia, Thomas LaManna, Mike Everett, Garrett Wilson, Joey Eye, and many others.

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and can be purchased at the door.

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## **ALEX BARBOSA ANNOUNCER FOR THE BRISCOE AWARDS**

PHILADELPHIA – Former professional boxer and current ring announcer, Alex Barbosa will be the announcer at the 12th Annual Briscoe Awards on Sunday. Over the past several years, Barbosa, a busy ring announcer these days, has worked numerous boxing matches in the Philadelphia area, including events at the Sugar House Casino, the 2300 Arena, and others.

On Sunday, April 14, 2019, Barbosa will take the mic and host the 12th Annual Briscoe Awards, which recognizes the biggest accomplishments of the Philly fight scene.

In addition to his work as a ring announcer, Barbosa is also the owner and proprietor of TKO Fitness, a boxing, MMA, and kick boxing gym in Cherry Hill, NJ. Under Barbosa's guidance, TKO Fitness has become one of the hottest boxing gyms in the area. TKO Fitness is home to many thriving boxers, including IBF junior lightweight champion Tevin Farmer.

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## **SAMUEL TEAH UPSETS ODDS; WINS BRISCOE AWARD**

PHILADELPHIA – Samuel Teah pulled an upset last November at the 2300 Arena that outshined any other during 2018. Teah defeated the favored Kenneth Sims, Jr. of Chicago (13-1-1, 4 KOs) with a convincing unanimous decision, and he did it on the nationally televised SHOBX TV series to boot.

Although going into the fight, their records were in the same ballpark (Teah was 14-2-1), Sam was still rebounding from an earlier so-so performance on SHOBX that had some – certainly Team Sims – thinking that Teah couldn't perform at the next level. However, Teah surprised everyone and scored the best win of his five-year boxing career. For that feat, he earned his first Briscoe Award.

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## **PAUL KROLL TO BE NAMED "2018 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR" AT BRISCOE AWARDS**

PHILADELPHIA – Junior middleweight boxer Paul Kroll, a 2016 Olympian, made a great start to his professional boxing career in 2018, and was voted by fans as the best rookie in Philadelphia. Paul will receive his Briscoe Award at a public event on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Xfinity Live! in South Philly.

Kroll made his debut in Philadelphia last August, blasting out DeAngelo Alcorn in the first round. He followed that with another stoppage (TKO2), this time against Antonio Wattell in Oklahoma City. Now that his delayed pro career is on track, he appears poised to make his move in 2019. The next step for Kroll is the Briscoe Awards, before more highly anticipated pro fights.

"It's an honor to win the Briscoe Award, and it feels good to

be recognized by my city,” Kroll said.

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## **CHRISTIAN CARTO NAMED THE “ONE TO WATCH”**

PHILADELPHIA – Local bantamweight boxer Christian Carto won four straight bouts in 2018 and improved his record to 17-0, with 11 KOs. These four fights included two local main events, and two supporting spots on big nationally televised cards. This was a year of development for Carto, as he went the distance in all four fights, mixed it up a bit more than we’re used to seeing, and faced a tougher level of competition. Along the way, Carto also established himself as one of the biggest box office attractions of the local scene.

For these factors, as well as his exciting style and promising future, Carto earned the award as “The One to Watch”, and will take home his first-ever Briscoe Award on Sunday, April 14,

2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philly.

In his first start of 2019, Carto suffered his first professional set back, but for many reasons, he remains the fighter that everyone continues to watch, perhaps even more so after his most recent outing.

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## **BRISCOE AWARDS RETURN TO XFINITY LIVE**

PHILADELPHIA – The Briscoe Awards return to Xfinity Live! in South Philadelphia for their 12th annual event, Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 1:00 PM. Every year, the Briscoe Awards honor and celebrate the biggest achievements of the Philadelphia-area boxing scene, presenting awards in a variety of categories like “Fighter of the Year”, “Fight of the Year”, “Amateur of the Year”, “KO of the Year”, and many others.

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## **50 YEARS IN BOXING EARNS PELTZ THE BRISCOE AWARD**

PHILADELPHIA – J Russell Peltz will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a boxing promoter later this year. To celebrate this important career milestone, Peltz will receive a special honorary Briscoe Award for Lifetime Achievement, on April 14, 2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philly.

Peltz began his career as a 22 year old boy wonder in 1969, staging his first boxing show at the Blue Horizon, with Bennie Briscoe in the main event. Legends Cyclone Hart and Boogaloo Watts also fought on his first card.

Peltz went on to promote numerous shows at the Blue Horizon and Arena, before becoming the promoter at the Spectrum, where

he arranged one of the greatest series of fights in the City's history. As Spectrum boxing gave way to the era of casino fights, Peltz remained at the forefront, promoting shows in Atlantic City.

Peltz developed world champions, including Jeff Chandler and Matthew Saad Muhammad, as well as many contenders and fan favorites like Bennie Briscoe, Cyclone Hart, Willie "the worm" Monroe, Curtis Parker, Charles Brewer, and countless others. In his 50 years in the business, he has become known as a first class matchmaker who always gives the fans their money's worth.

His efforts have earned him a spot in the International Boxing Hall of Fame, the PA Boxing Hall of Fame, the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame, the World Boxing Hall of Fame, the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and just about every other place where the standouts of boxing are recognized. On April 14, 2019, he'll earn a Briscoe Award for his many accomplishments and important contributions to Philly boxing history.

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# DANNY GARCIA TO RECEIVE “KO OF THE YEAR” HONOR AT BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – Former two-time world champion Danny “Swift” Garcia scored the “2018 Knockout of the Year” with his ninth round stoppage of Brandon Rios, in February 2018.

Garcia, rebounding from his first-ever defeat as a professional, wore Rios down with his heavy artillery before blasting out the former champ with two knockdowns in round nine. The second knockdown was a picture-perfect overhand right to the jaw that sent Rios crashing to the floor, and ultimately ended the fight.

After a five year drought at the Briscoe Awards, Garcia’s KO of Rios earned him his fifth overall Briscoe Award, and his first for the best knockout.

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## **ATIF OBERLTON TO BE NAMED “2018 AMATEUR OF THE YEAR” AT BRISCOE AWARDS**

PHILADELPHIA – Philly amateur boxer Atif Oberlton has been a top amateur for years. However in 2018, the 20 year old accomplished more than any other young Philly fighter in the amateur ranks. For his multi-tournament victories during the year, Oberlton will receive the Briscoe Award as the “2018 Amateur of the Year” at the Briscoe Awards on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at Xfinity Live! in South Philly.

“It feels great to have been selected by the people of Philadelphia and surrounding areas as Amateur of the Year,” Oberlton said about his award.

2018 was a great year for Oberlton. He won a Gold Medal at the dual competition in Germany, the National Golden Gloves championship, the Eastern National Qualifiers Tournament, and also won a Silver Medal at the USA Nationals, defeating the #1 ranked boxer in the process.

“It feels good to have the hard work, blood, sweat, and tears acknowledged and rewarded,” Oberlton added.

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## **LEGEND      STANLEY      “KITTEN” HAYWARD   TO   RECEIVE   HONORARY BRISCOE   AWARD**

PHILADELPHIA – Stanley “Kitten” Hayward is a legendary fighter from one of the best eras of Philly Boxing. Hayward campaigned between 1959 and 1977, and faced some of the very best boxers of his time. On April 14, 2019, on the brink of his 80th birthday, Hayward will receive a special honorary Briscoe Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Hayward fought for the world junior middleweight title in 1969, after earning the shot with a defeat of all-time great Emile Griffith at the Spectrum. Other key victories in Hayward's career included an impressive six-bout winning streak over the likes of Bennie Briscoe, Curtis Cokes, Dick Turner, Percy Manning and others. Hayward posted an overall career record of 32-12-4, 18 KOs, and is enshrined in the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame. Kitten will be in attendance to accept his Briscoe Award on April 14.

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